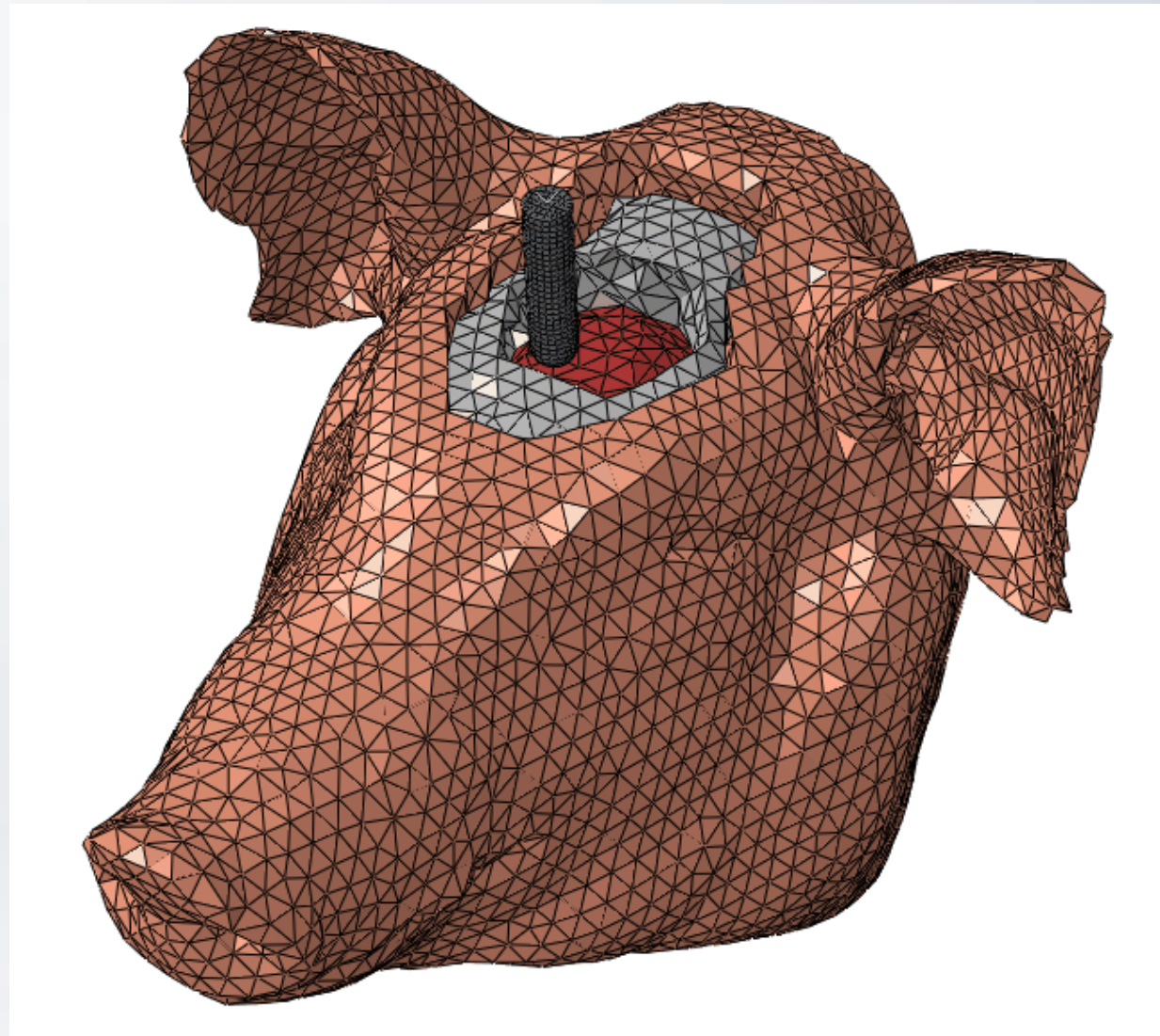


# Multi-fidelity modeling and propagation of uncertainty in multiscale biological systems



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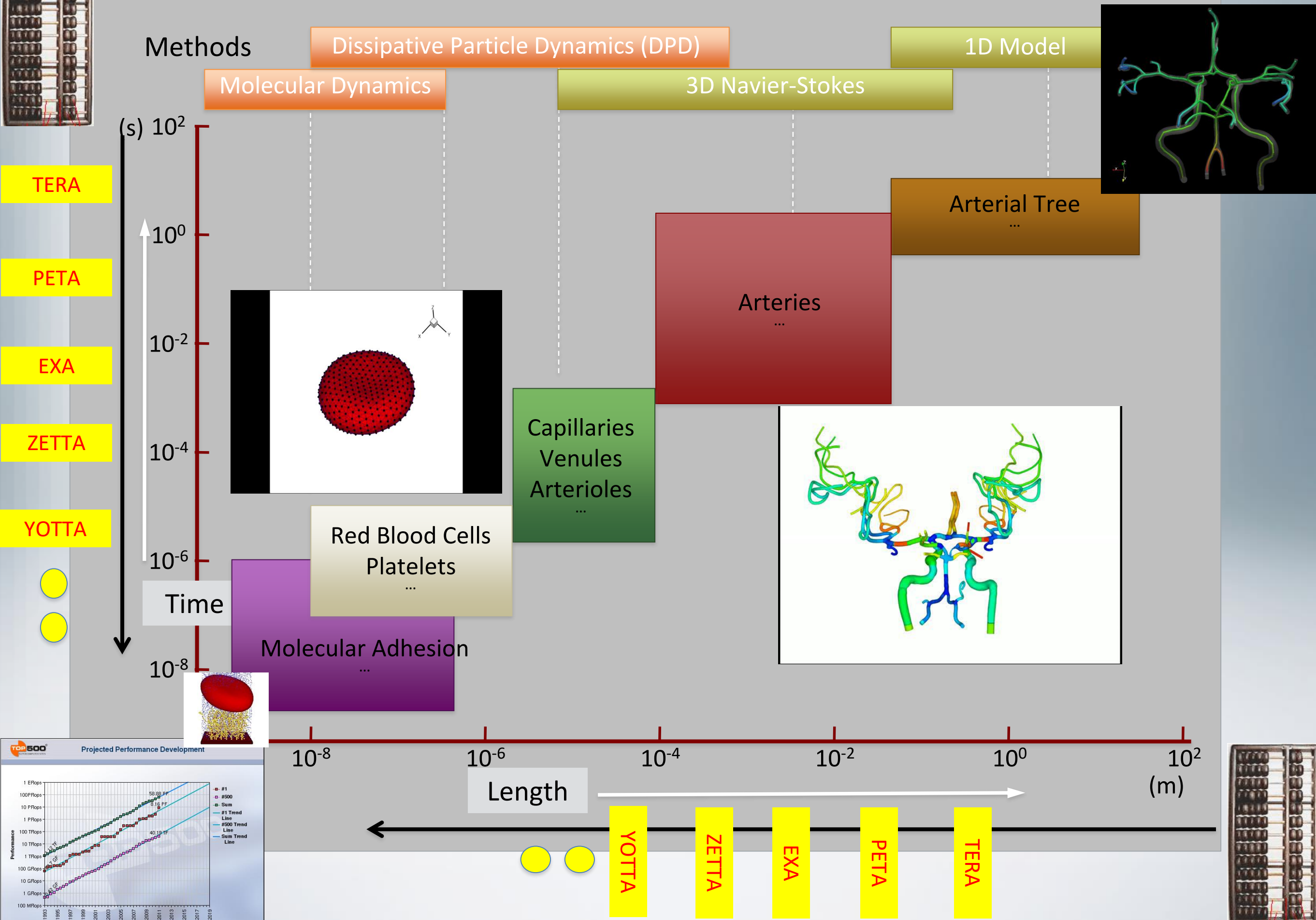
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# Multi-scale Modeling of Brain Vasculature



**At the 2010 MSM Consortium meeting**, a white paper titled “Cell scale to macro-scale integration” was presented by the Cell-to-Macroscale WG to discuss the advantages, limitations and prospects of different numerical methods and modeling strategies to predict integrative physics and physiology that take place at cellular-scale to macro-scale in the human body.

1. Fluid–structure interaction
2. Image-registration driven simulation
3. Three-dimensional to one-dimensional model coupling and interface conditions
4. Combined continuum-mesoscale-atomistic-level simulation
5. Interface and boundary conditions: accuracy and dynamical importance
6. Multiscale geometry representation and boundary conditions
7. Integration of imaging data with modeling and computer simulation
8. Direct versus indirect interactions between processes that operate at disparate scales
9. Uncertainty in materials properties, boundary conditions, and geometry
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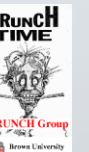
*Ching-Long Lin, Grace C.Y. Peng and George Karniadakis*

- ❑ *Cardiovascular systems (8 papers)*
- ❑ *Respiratory systems (3 papers)*
- ❑ *Cells/proteins (5 papers)*
- ❑ *Biochemical processes (2 papers)*
- ❑ *Bone mechanics (2 papers)*
- ❑ *Predicting surgery outcomes (1 paper)*





*"...Because I had worked in the closest possible ways with physicists and engineers, I knew that our data can never be precise..."*  
**Norbert Wiener**



# Solving Differential Equations from Measurements Only!

*“...once we allow that we don't know  $f(x)$ , but do know some things, it becomes natural to take a Bayesian approach”*

*Persi Diaconis, Stanford (1988)*

- ✓ **Remove the tyranny of Grids! And of serious Math!**
- ✓ **Use noisy measurements - Predict with uncertainty!**
- ✓ **Execute Poincare's will!**

# Outline

- I. Gaussian Process Regression
- II. Noisy Data & Multi-fidelity
- III. PDEs via Machine Learning

# Gaussian processes

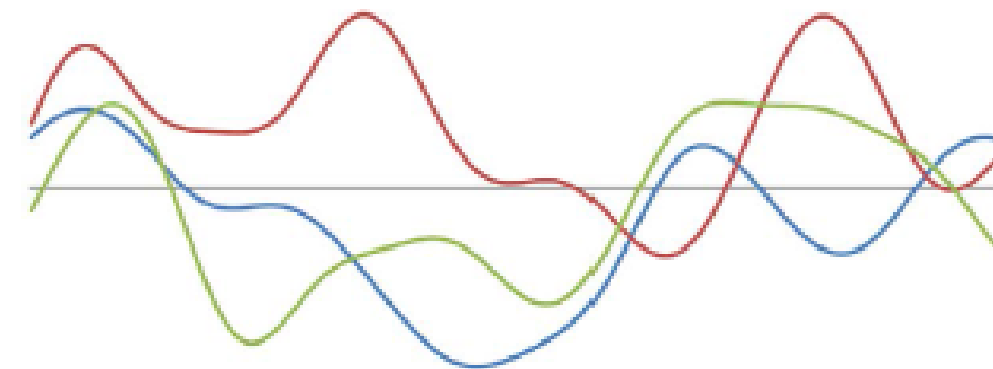
Starting point: The multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$p(\underbrace{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_s}_{\mathbf{f}_A}, \underbrace{f_{s+1}, f_{s+2}, \dots, f_N}_{\mathbf{f}_B}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{K}) \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_A \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_B \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{AA} & \mathbf{K}_{AB} \\ \mathbf{K}_{BA} & \mathbf{K}_{BB} \end{bmatrix}$$

Generalization: The Gaussian process

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{\mathbf{f}} \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K}_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{ff}} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K}_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

*mean function* *covariance function*



*Samples from a GP prior*

Priors over functions:  $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu(x), K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \theta))$

Infinite dimensional model, but finitely many observations: The marginalization property

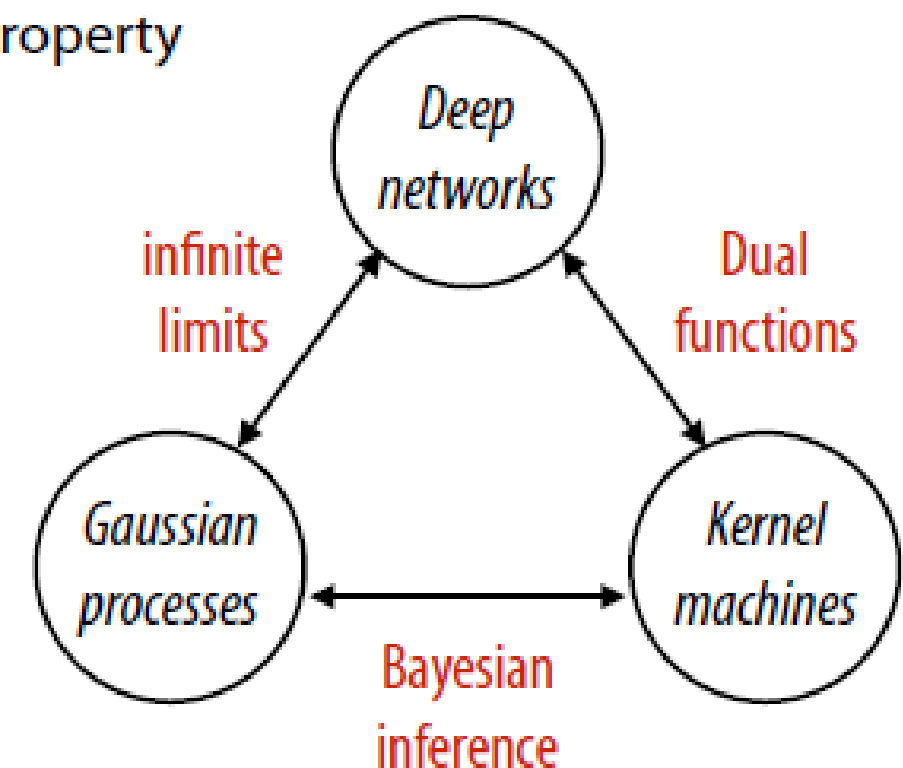
$p(\mathbf{f}_A, \mathbf{f}_B) \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{K})$ . Then:

$$p(\mathbf{f}_A) = \int_{\mathbf{f}_B} p(\mathbf{f}_A, \mathbf{f}_B) d\mathbf{f}_B = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_A, \mathbf{K}_{AA})$$

Posterior is also Gaussian:

$p(\mathbf{f}_A, \mathbf{f}_B) \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{K})$ . Then:

$$p(\mathbf{f}_A | \mathbf{f}_B) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_A + \mathbf{K}_{AB} \mathbf{K}_{BB}^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_B - \boldsymbol{\mu}_B), \mathbf{K}_{AA} - \mathbf{K}_{AB} \mathbf{K}_{BB}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{BA})$$





# Nonlinear regression with Gaussian processes

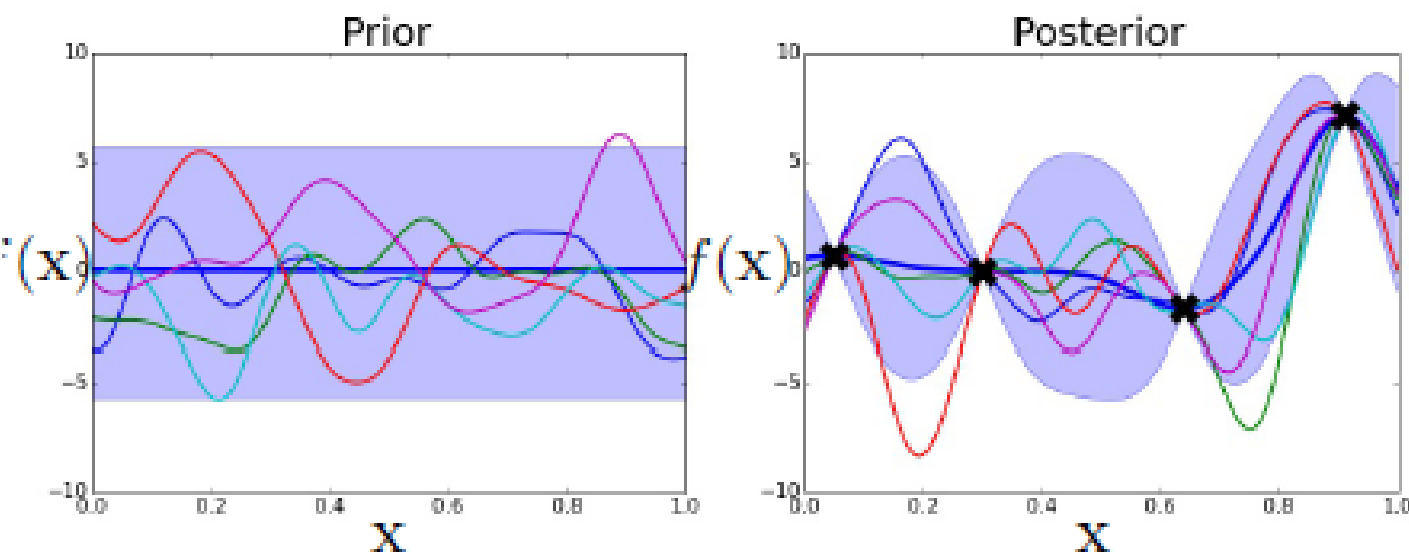
$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon, \quad f \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu(x), K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \theta))$$

## History:

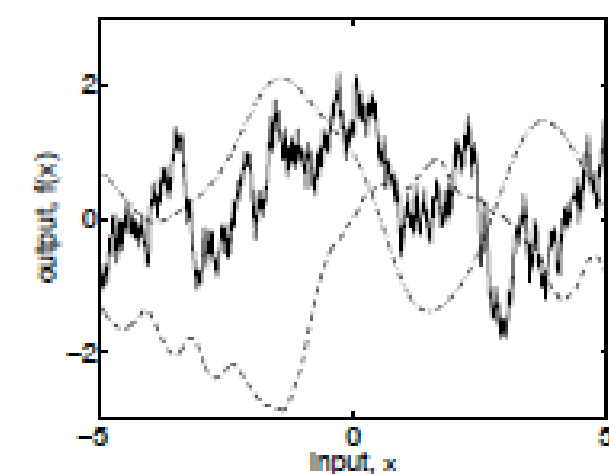
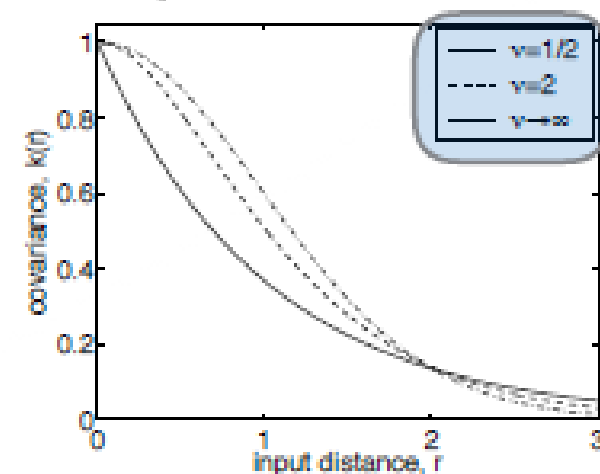
- Wiener–Kolmogorov filtering (1940)
- Kriging (spatial statistics, 1970)
- GP regression (machine learning, 1996)

## Workflow:

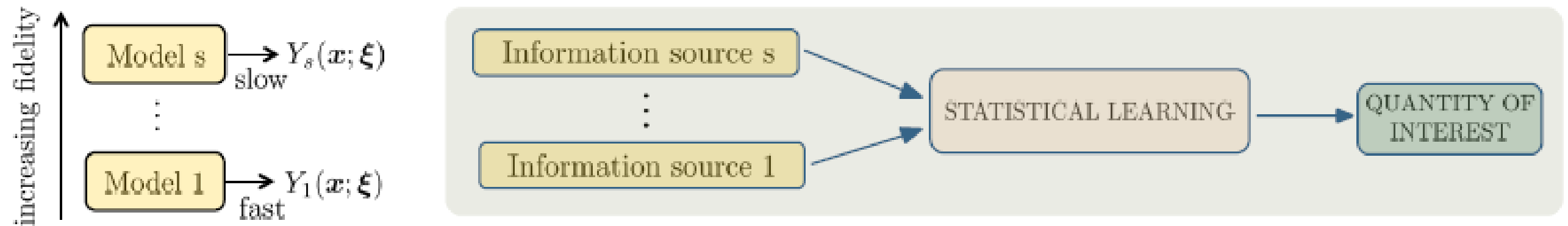
- Assign a Gaussian process (GP) prior over functions
- Given a training set of observations  $(\mathbf{x}, y)$  calibrate the GP hyper-parameters
- Use the conditional posterior  $[f|y]$  to infer predictions for unobserved  $\mathbf{x}$ 's with quantified uncertainty



covariance function	expression
constant	$\sigma_0^2$
linear	$\sum_{d=1}^D \sigma_d^2 x_d x'_d$
polynomial	$(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}' + \sigma_0^2)^p$
squared exponential	$\exp(-\frac{r^2}{2\ell^2})$
Matérn	$\frac{1}{2^{\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\nu}}{\ell} r\right)^{\nu} K_{\nu} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\nu}}{\ell} r\right)$
exponential	$\exp(-\frac{r}{\ell})$
$\gamma$ -exponential	$\exp\left(-\left(\frac{r}{\ell}\right)^{\gamma}\right)$
rational quadratic	$\left(1 + \frac{r^2}{2\alpha\ell^2}\right)^{-\alpha}$
neural network	$\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T \Sigma \tilde{\mathbf{x}'}}{\sqrt{(1+2\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T \Sigma \tilde{\mathbf{x}})(1+2\tilde{\mathbf{x}'^T \Sigma \tilde{\mathbf{x}'})}} \right)$



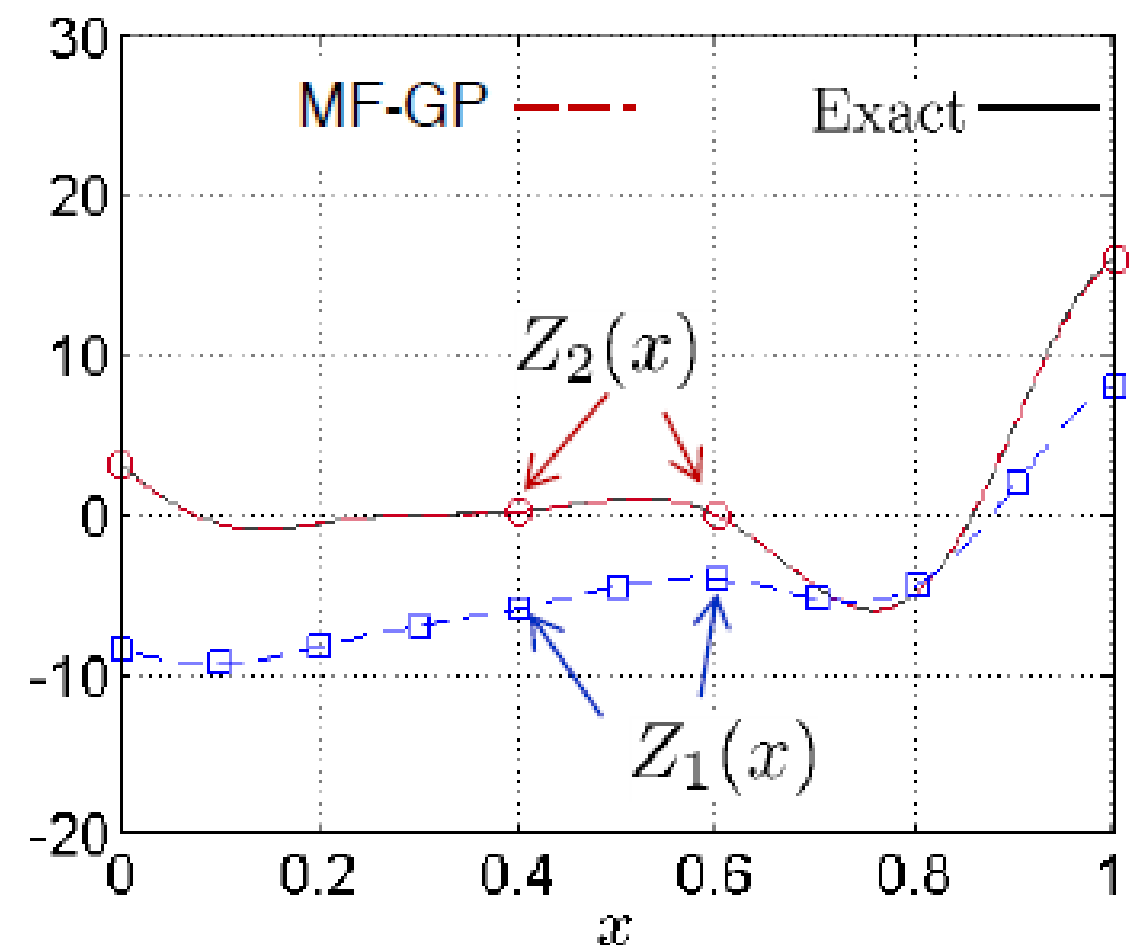
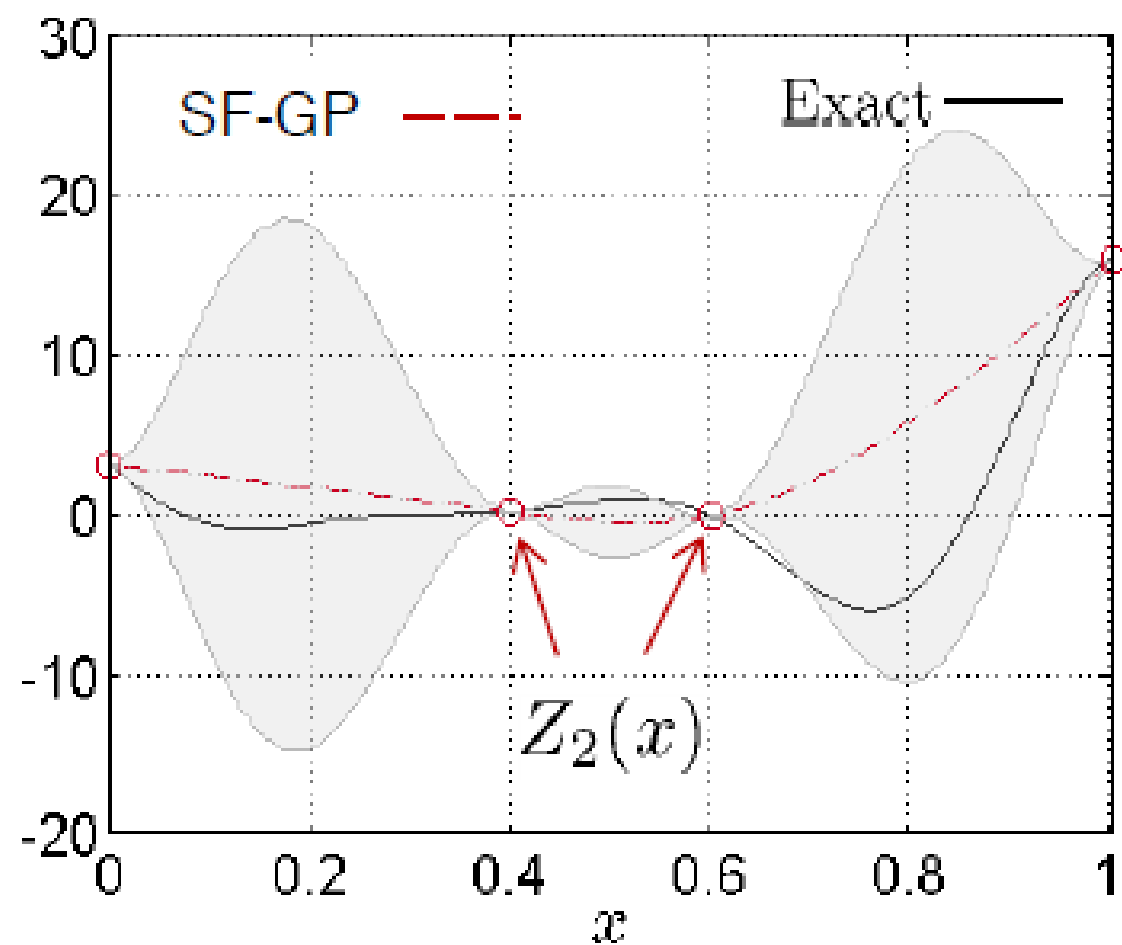
# Multi-fidelity modeling



Number of runs is limited by time and computational resources

We cannot compute at all  $(x; \xi)$

Prediction of  $Z_i(x) = \mathbb{E}[f(Y_i(x; \xi))]$  is a problem of **statistical inference**



# Multi-fidelity modeling with GPs



Predicting the Output from a Complex Computer Code When Fast Approximations Are Available

M. C. Kennedy; A. O'Hagan

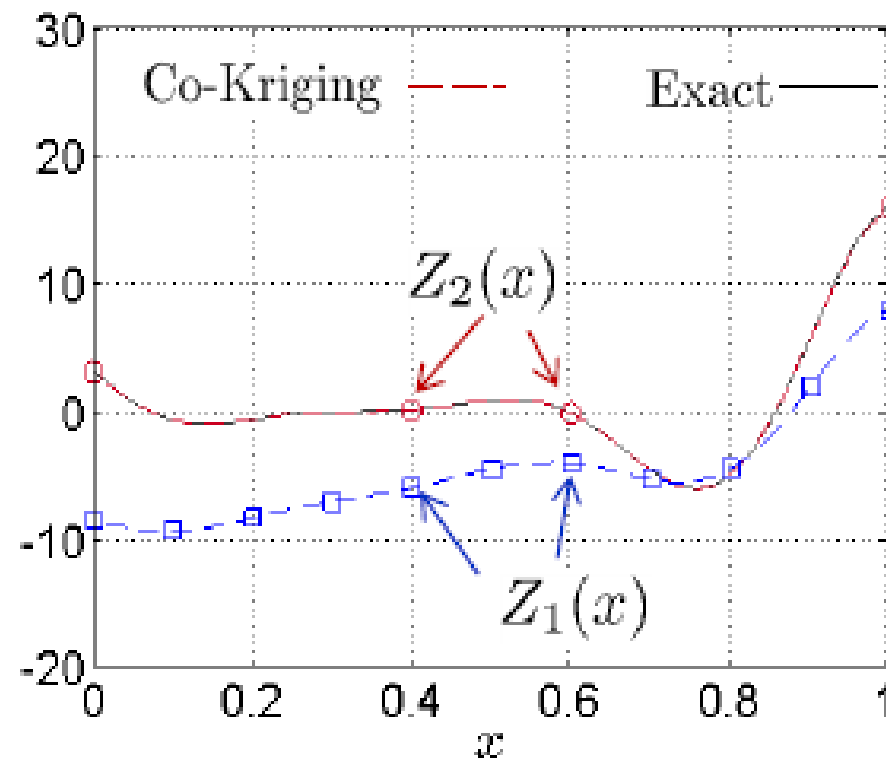
*Biometrika*, Vol. 87, No. 1. (Mar., 2000), pp. 1-13.

Auto-regressive model:

AR1

$$f_t(\mathbf{x}) = \rho_{t-1}(\mathbf{x})f_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}) + \delta_t(\mathbf{x})$$

$$t = 1, \dots, s$$



*Predictive posterior*

$$p(f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}_*) = \mathcal{N}(f_* | \mu_*, \sigma_*^2),$$

$$\mu_*(\mathbf{x}_*) = \mathbf{k}_{*N} (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y},$$

$$\sigma_*^2(\mathbf{x}_*) = \mathbf{k}_{**} - \mathbf{k}_{*N} (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{N*},$$

$$\begin{matrix} N_1 & \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ N_2 & \end{matrix}$$

Block covariance matrix

**Key idea:** Replace  $f_{t-1}$  with the GP posterior of the previous level  $\tilde{f}_{t-1}$

$$f_t(\mathbf{x}) = \rho_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{f}_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}) + \delta_t(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\tilde{f}_{t-1} \sim f_{t-1} | \mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_{t-1}$$

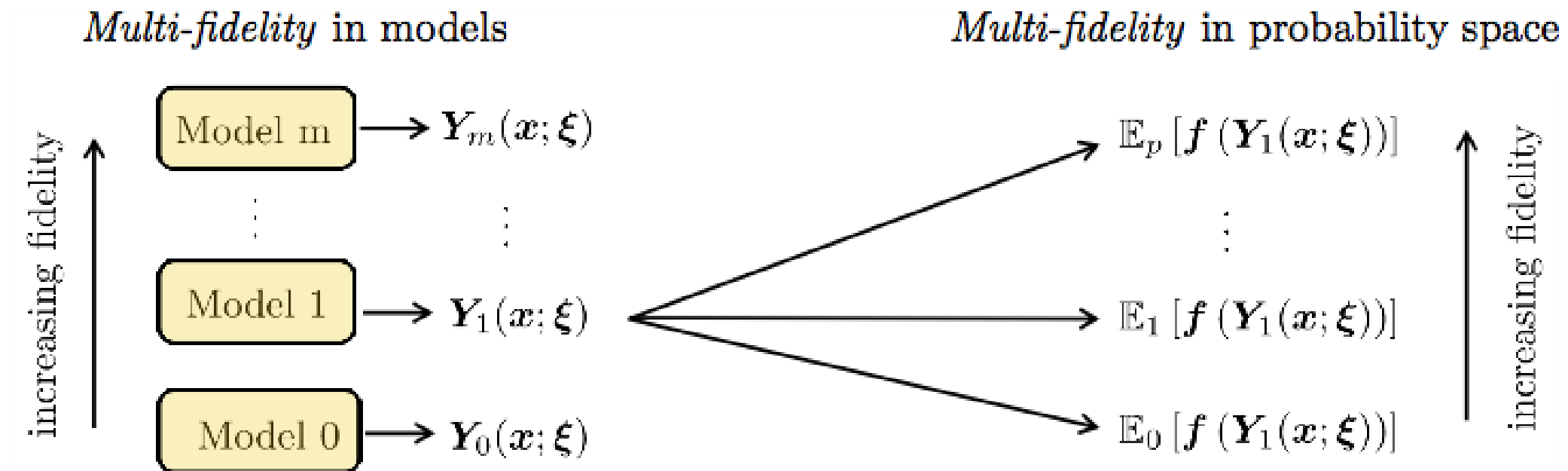
**Theorem (LeGratiet, 2014):**

The predictive posterior of the recursive scheme has exactly the same distribution with the the fully coupled model given a nested experimental design.

M.C Kennedy, and A. O'Hagan. *Predicting the output from a complex computer code when fast approximations are available*, 2000.

L. Le Gratiet, and J. Garnier, "Recursive co-kriging model for design of computer experiments with multiple levels of fidelity." *International Journal for Uncertainty Quantification*, 2014

# A general framework



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Multi-fidelity modeling via  
recursive co-kriging and  
Gaussian Markov random  
fields

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$$\mathbb{E}_{k+1}[f(\mathbf{Y}_l(\mathbf{x}; \xi))] = \rho_{k+1} \mathbb{E}_k[f(\mathbf{Y}_l(\mathbf{x}; \xi))] + \delta_{k+1}(\mathbf{x}), \quad k \leq p, \quad l \leq m$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}_1[f(\mathbf{Y}_1)] & \mathbb{E}_1[f(\mathbf{Y}_2)] & \cdots & \mathbb{E}_1[f(\mathbf{Y}_m)] \\ \mathbb{E}_2[f(\mathbf{Y}_1)] & \mathbb{E}_2[f(\mathbf{Y}_2)] & \cdots & \mathbb{E}_2[f(\mathbf{Y}_m)] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}_p[f(\mathbf{Y}_1)] & \mathbb{E}_p[f(\mathbf{Y}_2)] & \cdots & \mathbb{E}_p[f(\mathbf{Y}_m)] \end{pmatrix}$$

Yellow arrows indicate the recursive update of expectations from lower to higher fidelity levels. A red arrow on the right points downwards, indicating the progression from high to low fidelity. A blue arrow at the bottom points to the right, indicating the progression from low to high fidelity.

# Nonlinear multi-fidelity modeling via probabilistic deep learning

We generalize the classical linear scheme of Kennedy and O'Hagan

AR1

$$\begin{aligned}f_2(x) &= \rho f_1(x) + \delta_2(x) \\f_1 &\sim \mathcal{GP}(f_1|0, K_1(x, x'; \theta_1)) \\ \delta_2 &\sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu_{\delta_2}, K_2(x, x'; \theta_2))\end{aligned}$$



to a **compositional and robust** model inspired by **deep learning** that can learn complex **nonlinear and space-dependent cross-correlations**

NARGP

$$\begin{aligned}f_2(x) &= g_2(x, f_1(x)) \\f_1 &\sim \mathcal{GP}(f_1|0, K_1(x, x'; \theta_1)) \\g_2 &\sim \mathcal{GP}(g_2|0, K_2((x, f_1(x)), (x', f_1(x'))); \theta_2)) \\K_2((x, f_1(x)), (x', f_1(x'))); \theta_2) &= \underbrace{k_{t_\rho}(x, x'; \theta_{t_\rho})}_{\text{Space-dependent}} \times \underbrace{k_{t_f}(f_1(x), f_1(x'); \theta_{t_f})}_{\text{nonlinear map}} + \underbrace{k_{t_\delta}(x, x'; \theta_{t_\delta})}_{\text{from the low- to the high-fidelity model}}\end{aligned}$$

Space-dependent nonlinear map from the low- to the high-fidelity model

*\*example for 2 levels of fidelity — extension to more levels and deeper networks is straightforward.*

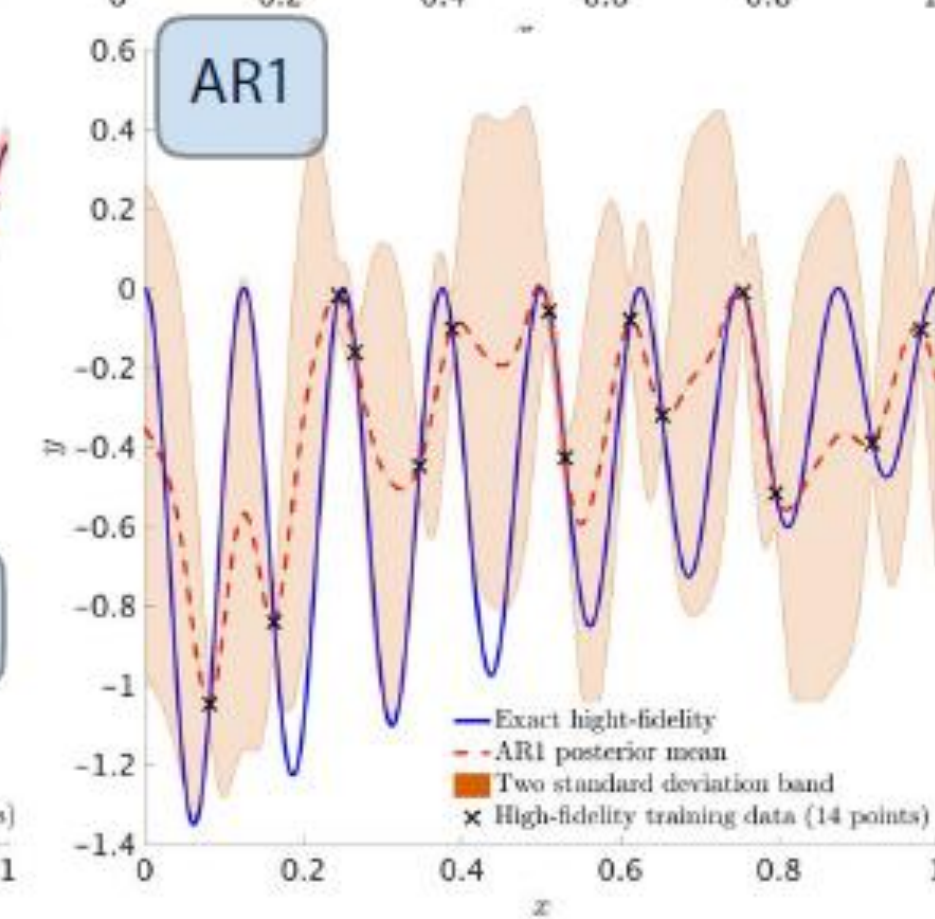
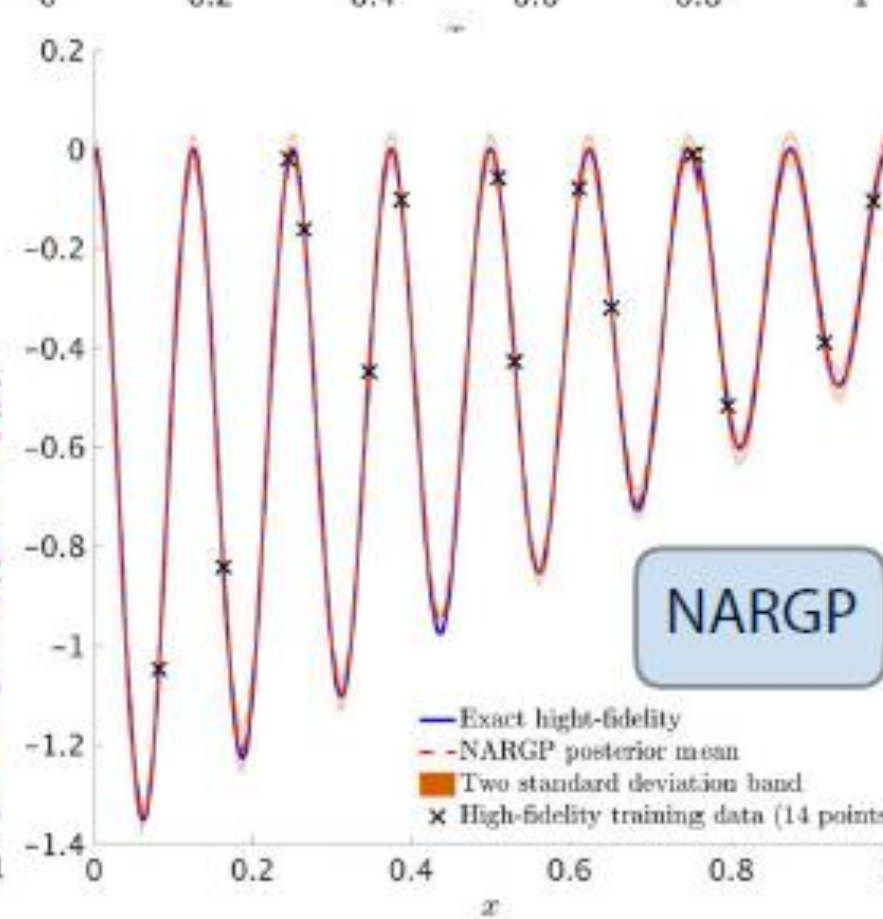
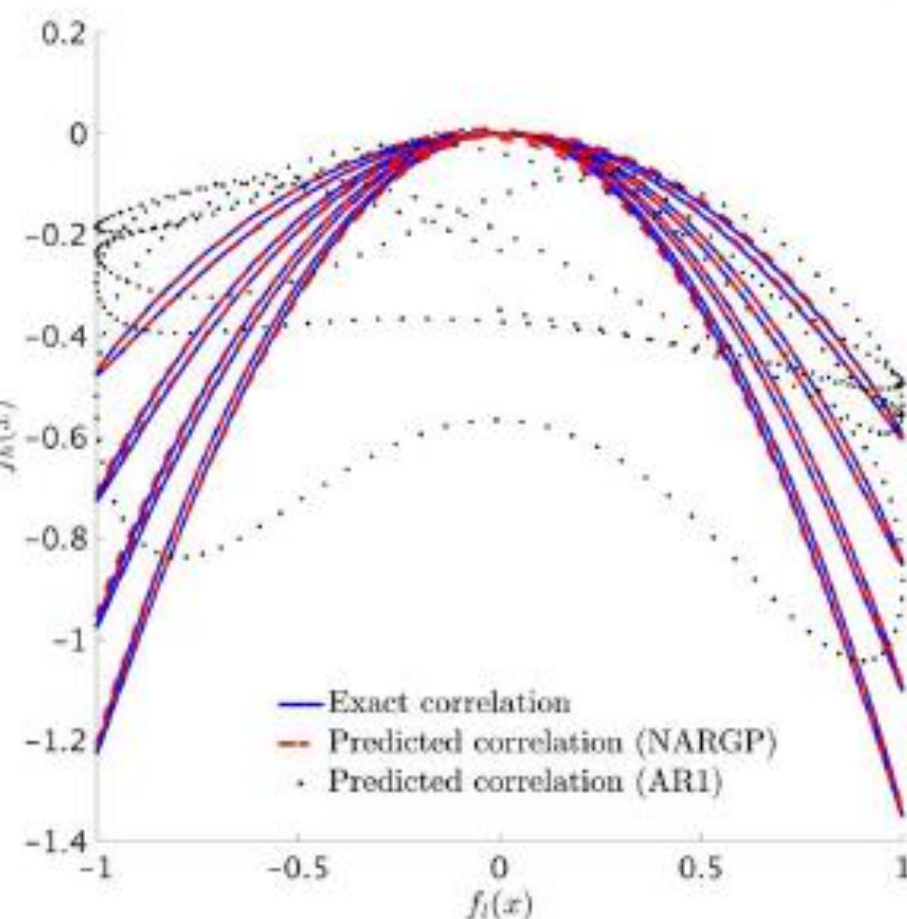
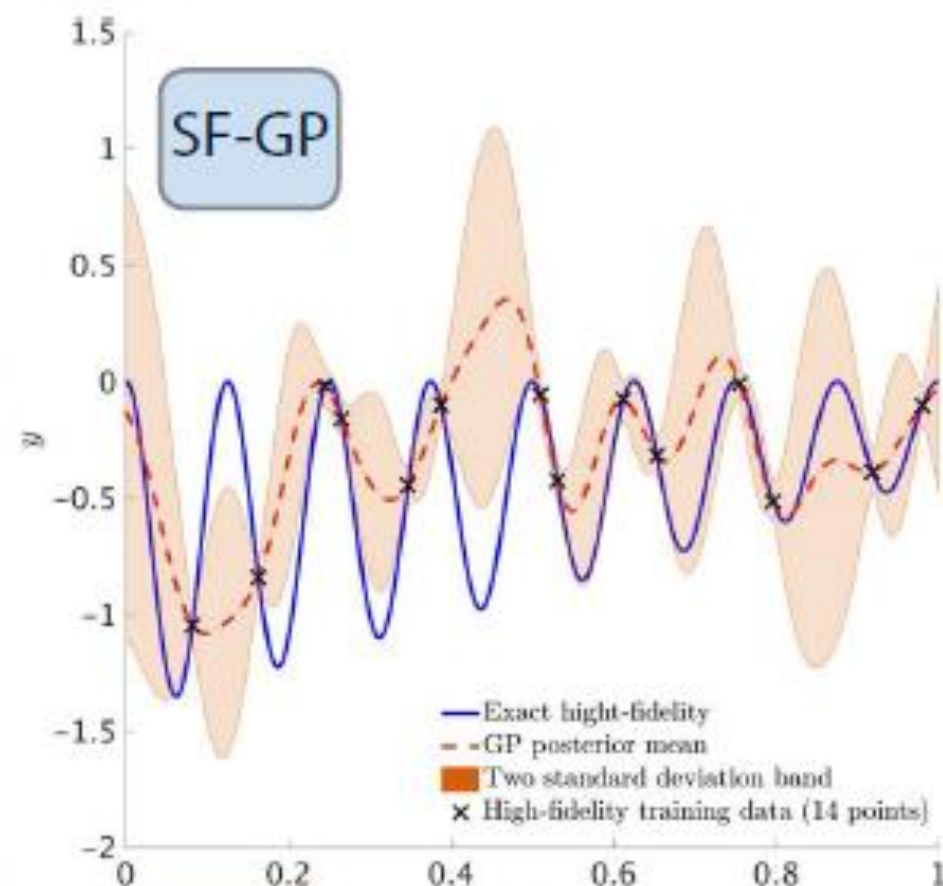
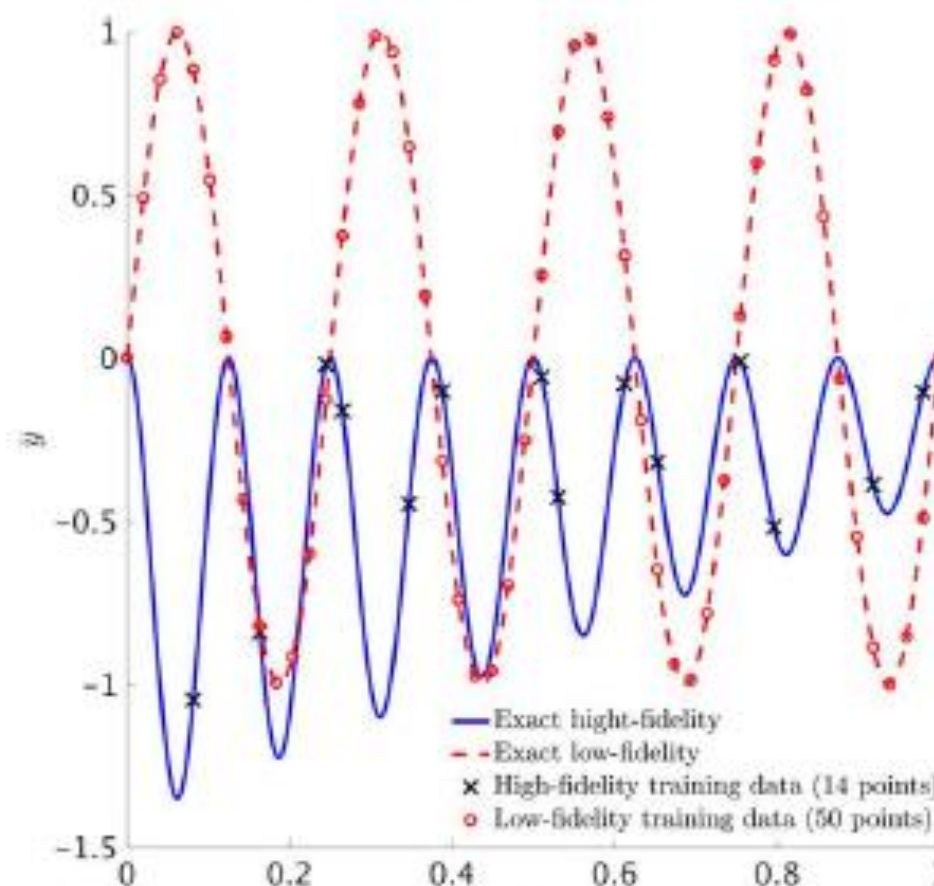


# A deceptively simple example

$$f_l(x) = \sin(8\pi x)$$

non-uniform scaling and  
quadratic nonlinearity

$$f_h(x) = (x - \sqrt{2})f_l^2(x)$$





# Nonlinear multi-fidelity modeling via probabilistic deep learning

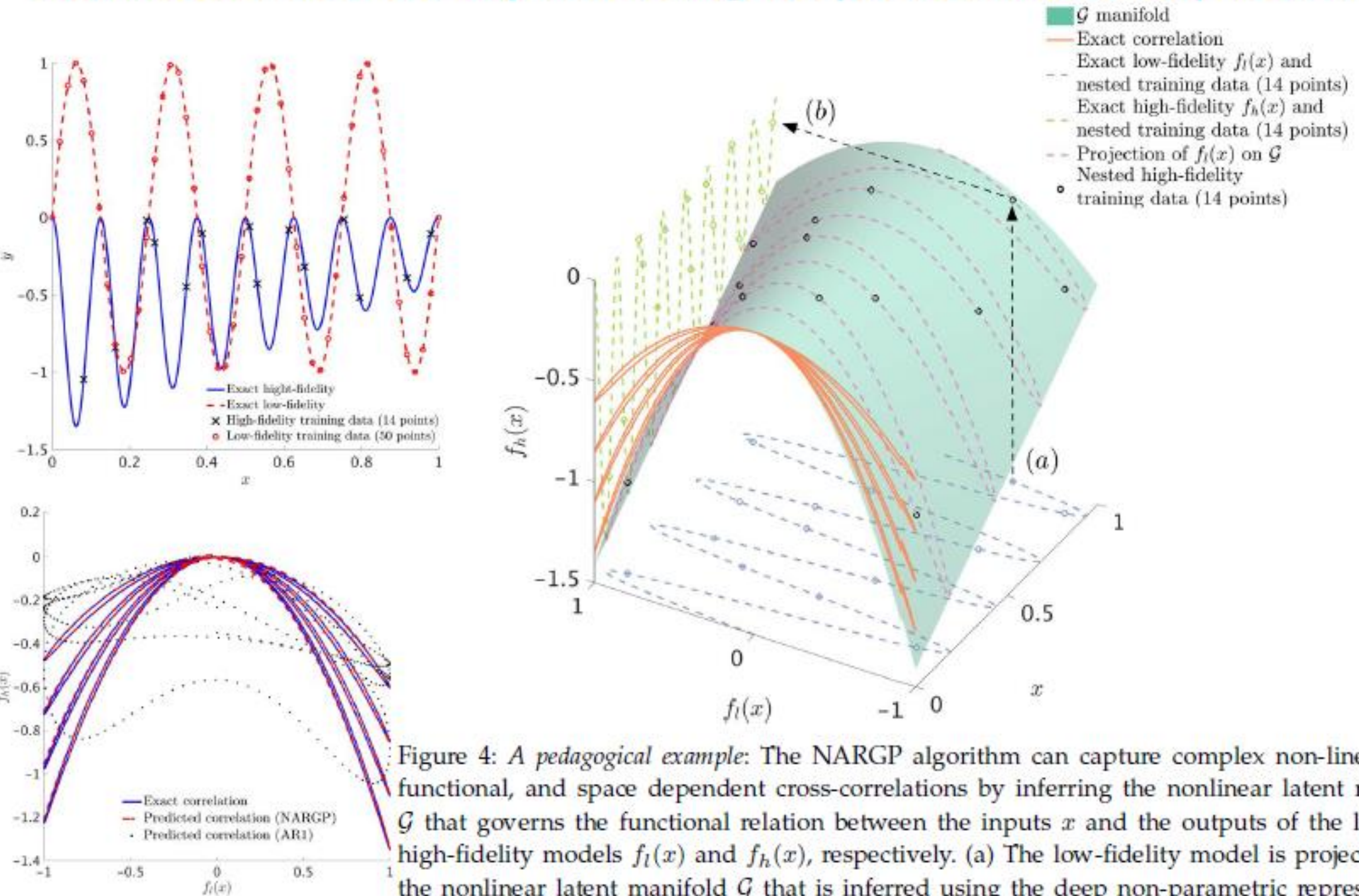


Figure 4: A pedagogical example: The NARGP algorithm can capture complex non-linear, non-functional, and space dependent cross-correlations by inferring the nonlinear latent manifold  $\mathcal{G}$  that governs the functional relation between the inputs  $x$  and the outputs of the low- and high-fidelity models  $f_l(x)$  and  $f_h(x)$ , respectively. (a) The low-fidelity model is projected onto the nonlinear latent manifold  $\mathcal{G}$  that is inferred using the deep non-parametric representation of Eq. 2.11. (b) The high-fidelity function  $f_h(x)$  is recovered by a smooth mapping from the  $\mathcal{G}$  manifold to the high-fidelity data.

# Multi-fidelity Bayesian optimization

**Goal:** Identify a set of parameters that generates a response matching a target performance  $y^*$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} ||f(\mathbf{x}) - y^*|| \quad (\text{potentially intractable})$$

**Idea:** We model the response of a system using deep multi-fidelity surrogates

$$y = f_t(f_{t-1}(\dots(f_1(\mathbf{x})))), \quad f_i \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu_i(\mathbf{x}), \Sigma_t)$$

**Setup:** Black-box and expensive to evaluate objective function, noisy observations, no gradients

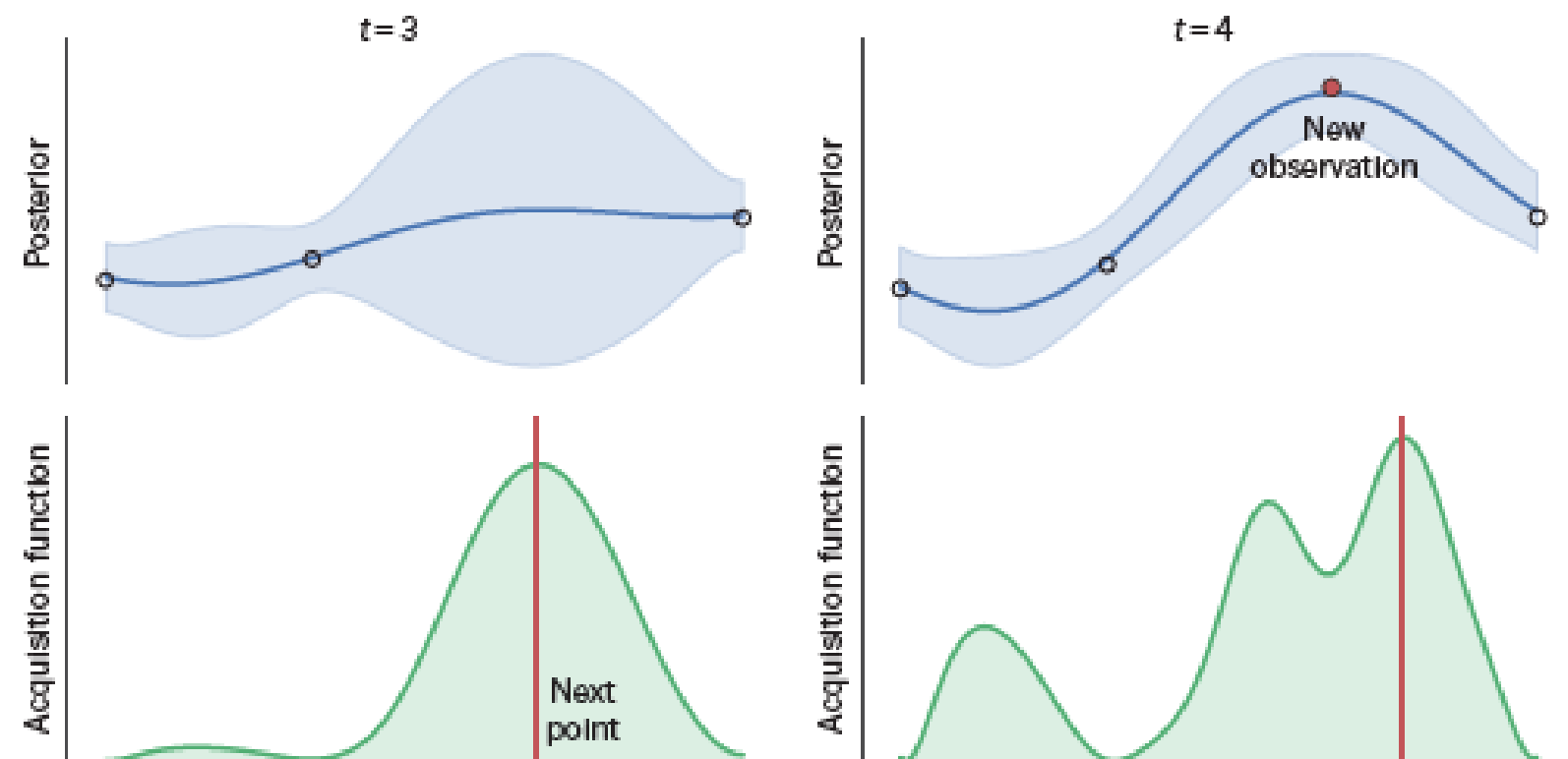
Then the surrogate posterior distribution along with an acquisition function suggest a sampling plan that balances exploration vs exploitation towards identifying a global optimum

The optimization problem is transformed to:

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \alpha(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{D}_n, \mathcal{M}_n)$$

**Remark:**

Acquisition functions aim to balance the trade-off between exploration and exploitation.



Example: 1D function maximization

# Calibration of blood flow simulations

## Goal:

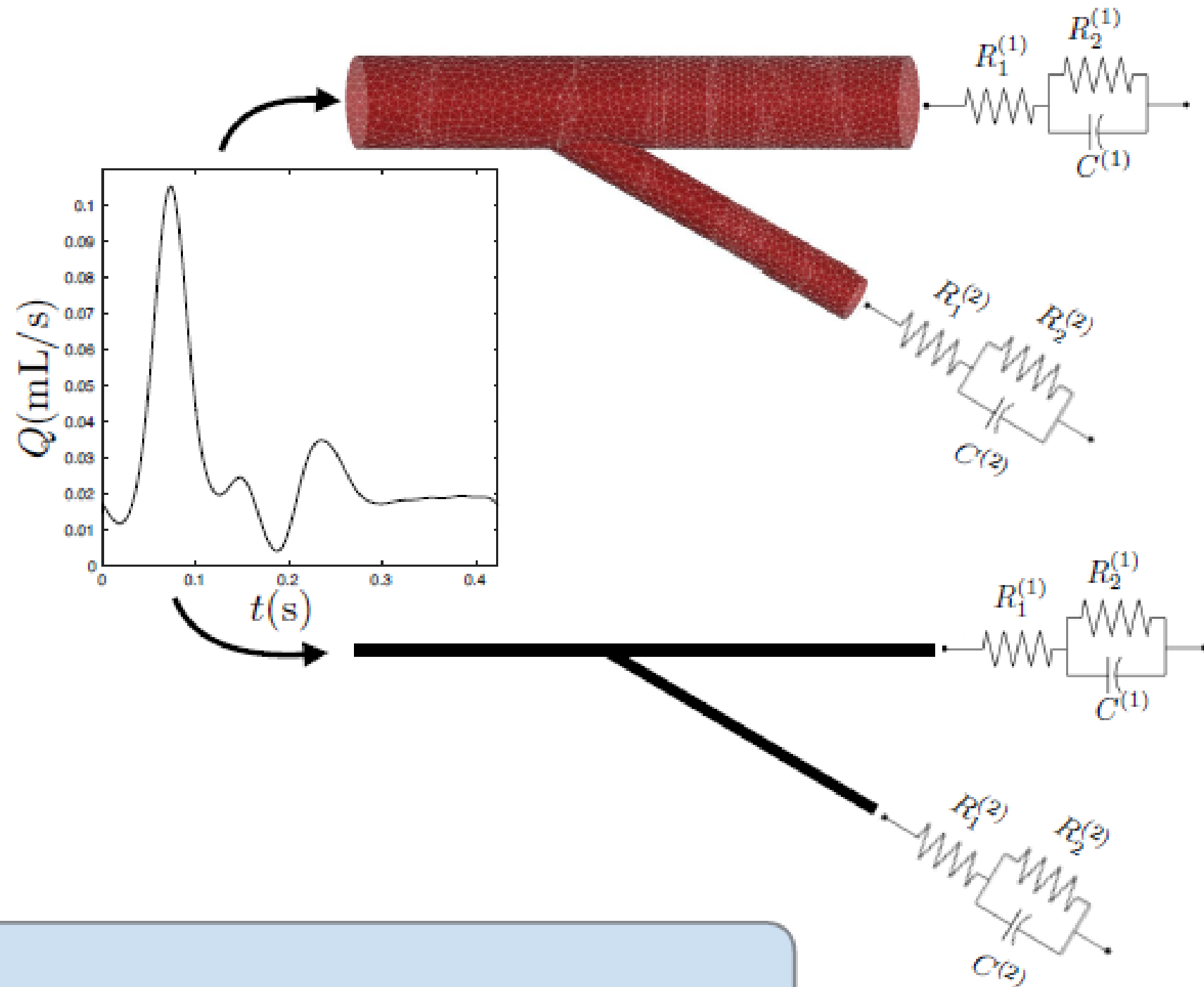
Calibrate the outflow boundary condition parameters to match a target inlet systolic pressure, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} |p_s^* - p_s(\mathbf{x})|^2,$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [R_T^{(1)}, R_T^{(2)}]$$

$$\mathcal{X} = [10^{10}, 10^{11}] \times [10^{11}, 10^{12}]$$

$$p_s^* = 47\text{mmHg}$$

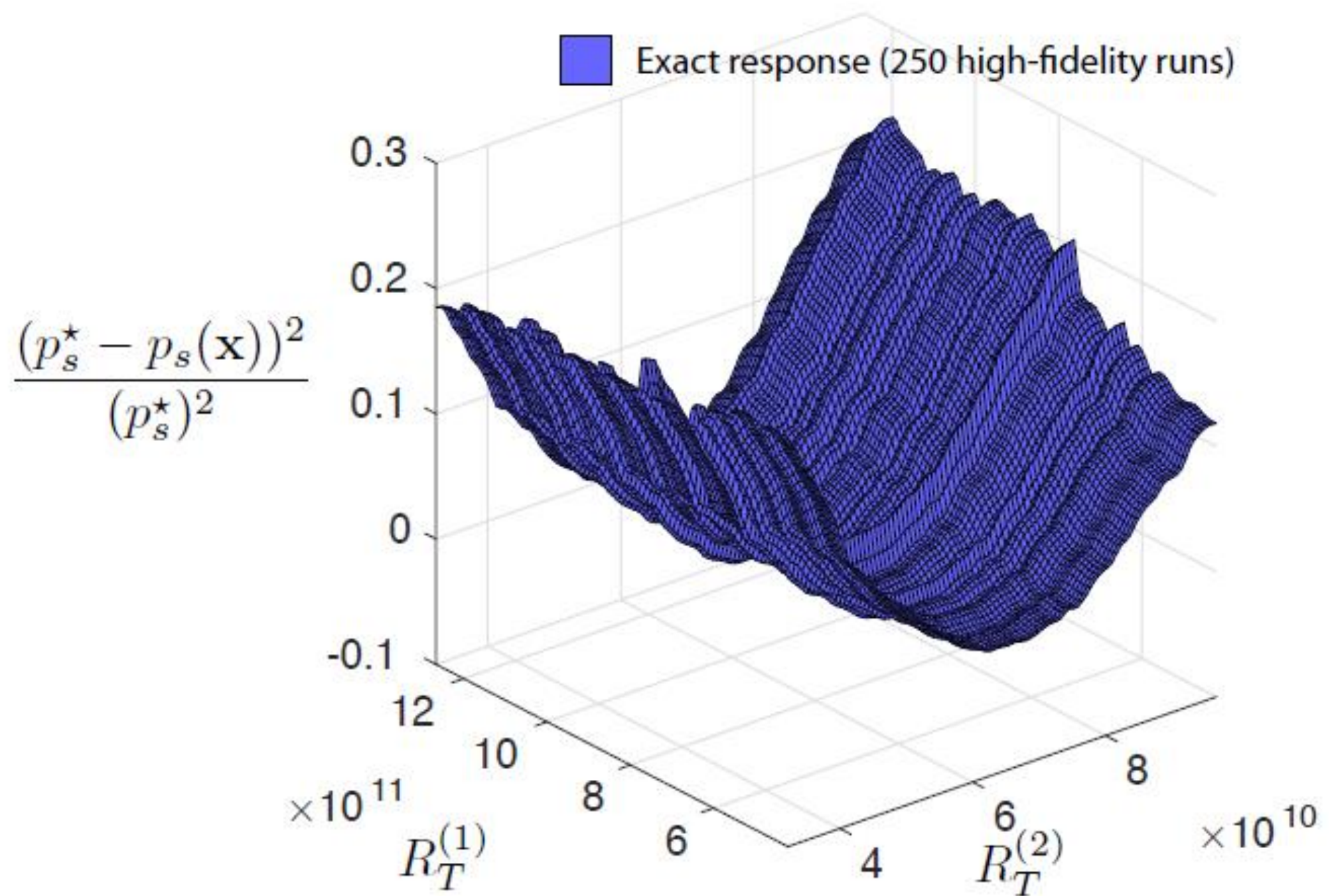


## Multi-fidelity approach:

- 1.) 3D Navier-Stokes (spectral/hp elements, rigid artery)  $\rightarrow$  high fidelity O(hrs)
- 2.) Non-linear 1D-FSI (DG, compliant artery)  $\rightarrow$  intermediate fidelity O(mins)
- 3.) Linearized 1D-FSI solver around an inaccurate reference state  $\rightarrow$  low fidelity O(s)

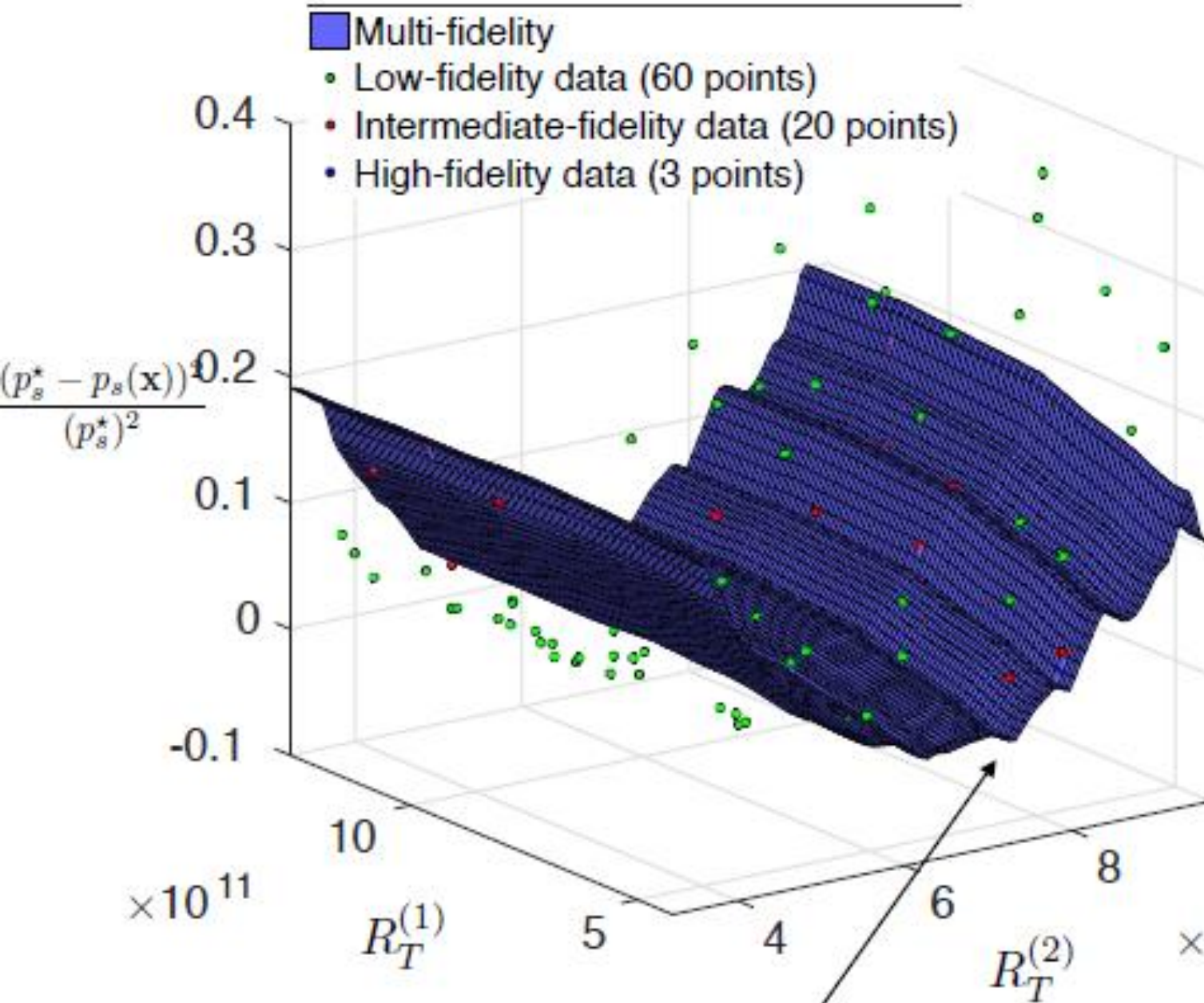


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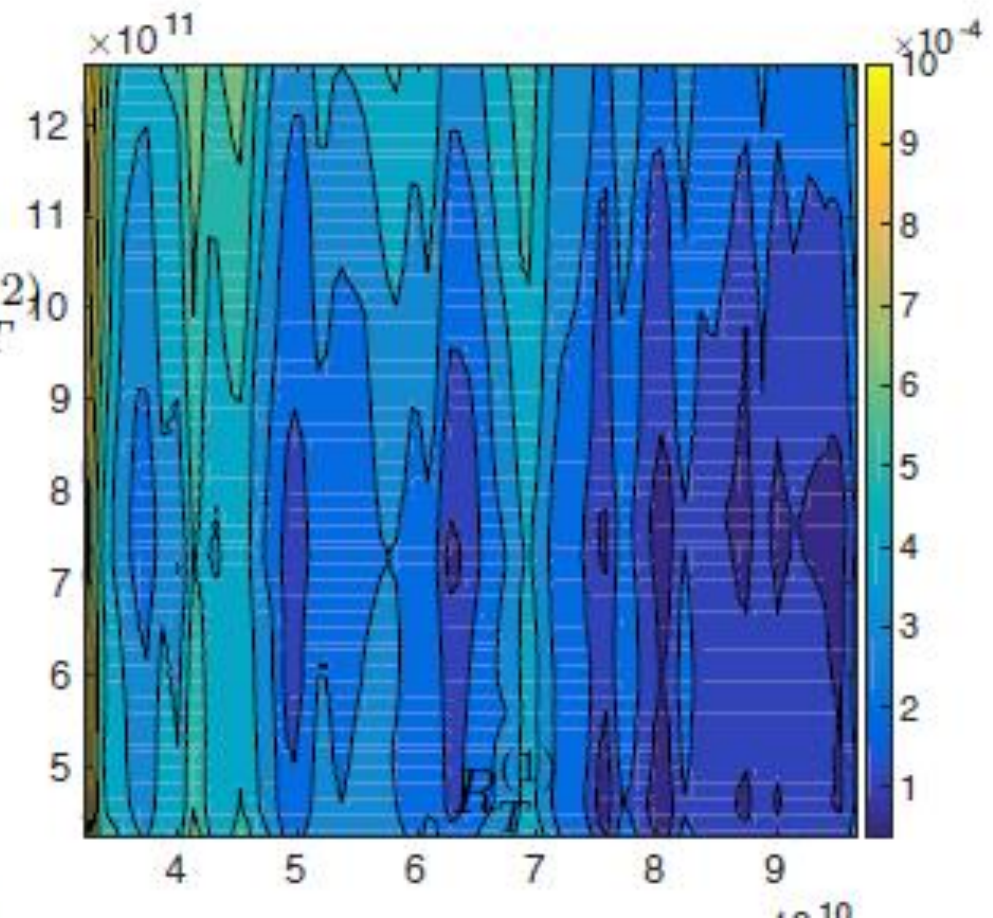
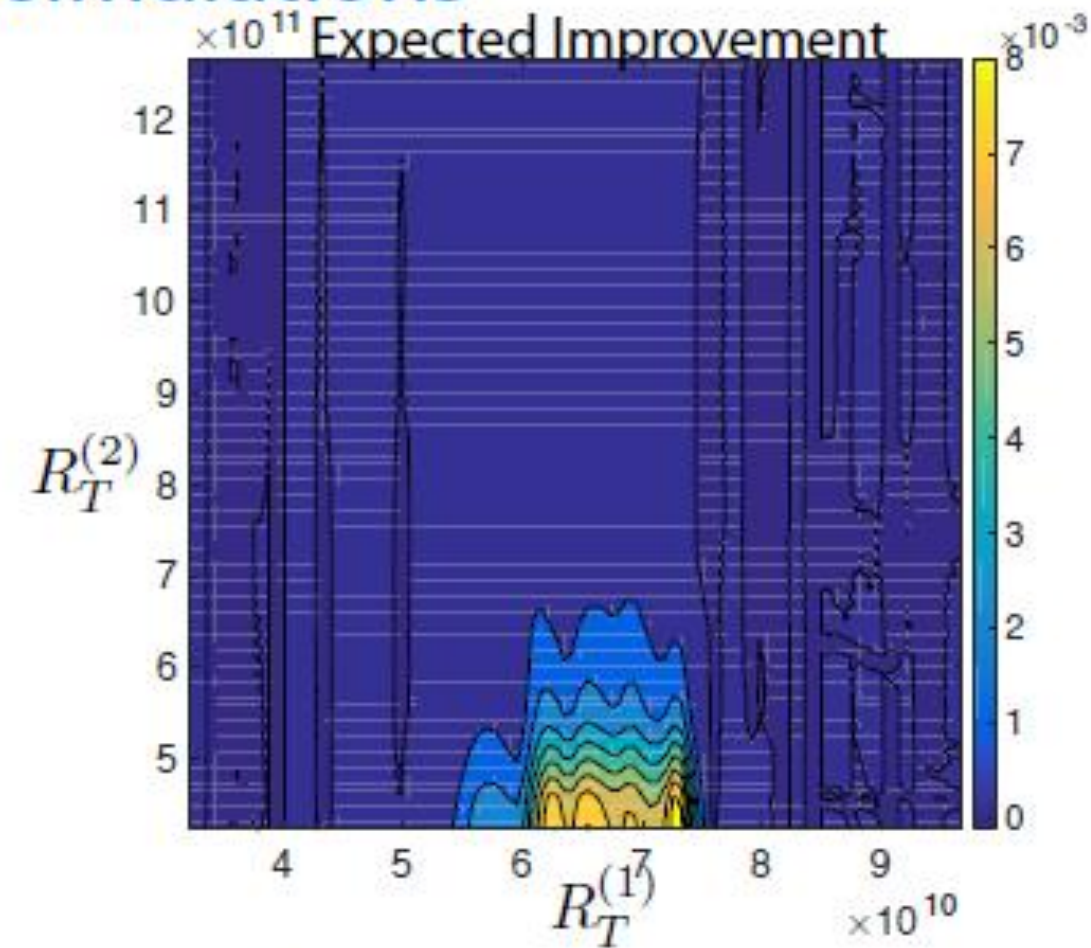




# Calibration of blood flow simulations



Decreased the relative error to  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  after 3 iterations of BO, mainly sampling the lowest fidelity (cheapest) solver.



# Solving differential equations from measurements only

A diagram illustrating the general form of a differential equation  $\mathcal{L}_x u_2(x) = f_2(x)$  branching into four specific examples:

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u_2(x) + \int_0^x u_2(\xi) d\xi = f(x)$
- $\sum_{d=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_d^2} u(x) = f(x)$
- $u_2(t, x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u_2(t, x) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u_2(t, x) - u_2(t, x) = f(t, x)$
- $-\infty D_x^\alpha u_2(x) - u_2(x) = f(x)$

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$$u_2(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, g(x, x'; \theta)) \xrightarrow{\text{Linearity}} f_2(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k(x, x'; \theta)) \longrightarrow k(x, x'; \theta) = \mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_{x'} g(x, x'; \theta)$$

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## Problem setup:

- $f_2(x)$  is an unknown, black box function
- only scattered, noisy, variable fidelity observations of  $f_2(x)$  are available
- we have no data on  $u_2(x)$  other than the necessary initial/boundary conditions
- no numerical discretization!

*"once we accept that we don't know  $f$ , but we do know something, it becomes natural to take a Bayesian approach"* P. Diaconis, "Bayesian numerical analysis", 1988

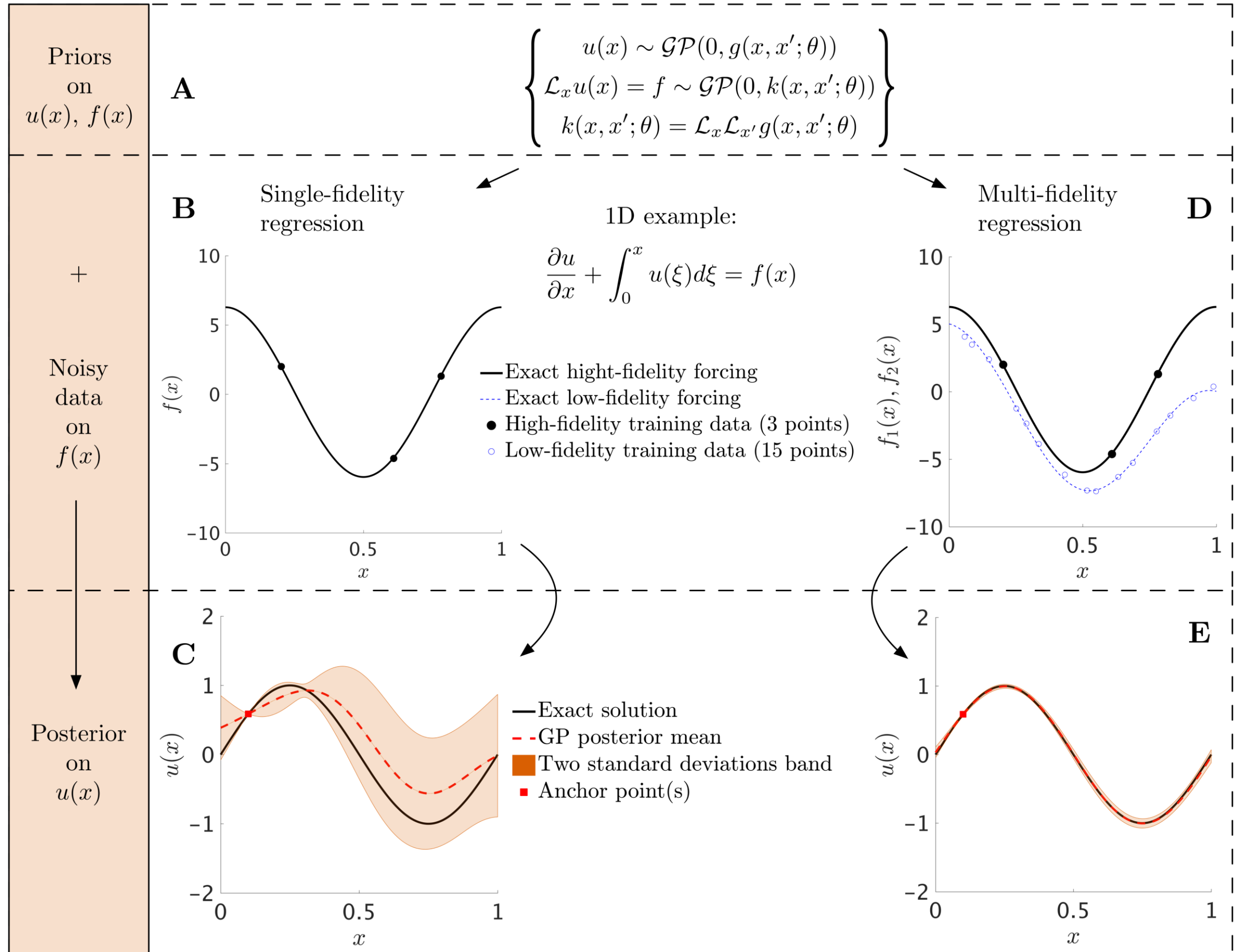
*"stochastic methods will transform pure and applied mathematics in the beginning of the third millennium, as probability and statistics will come to be viewed as the natural tools to use in mathematical as well as scientific modeling"* D. Mumford, "The dawning age of stochasticity", 2000

**Revisiting numerical methods from a statistical inference viewpoint traces all the way back to the Poincaré's courses on probability theory!**

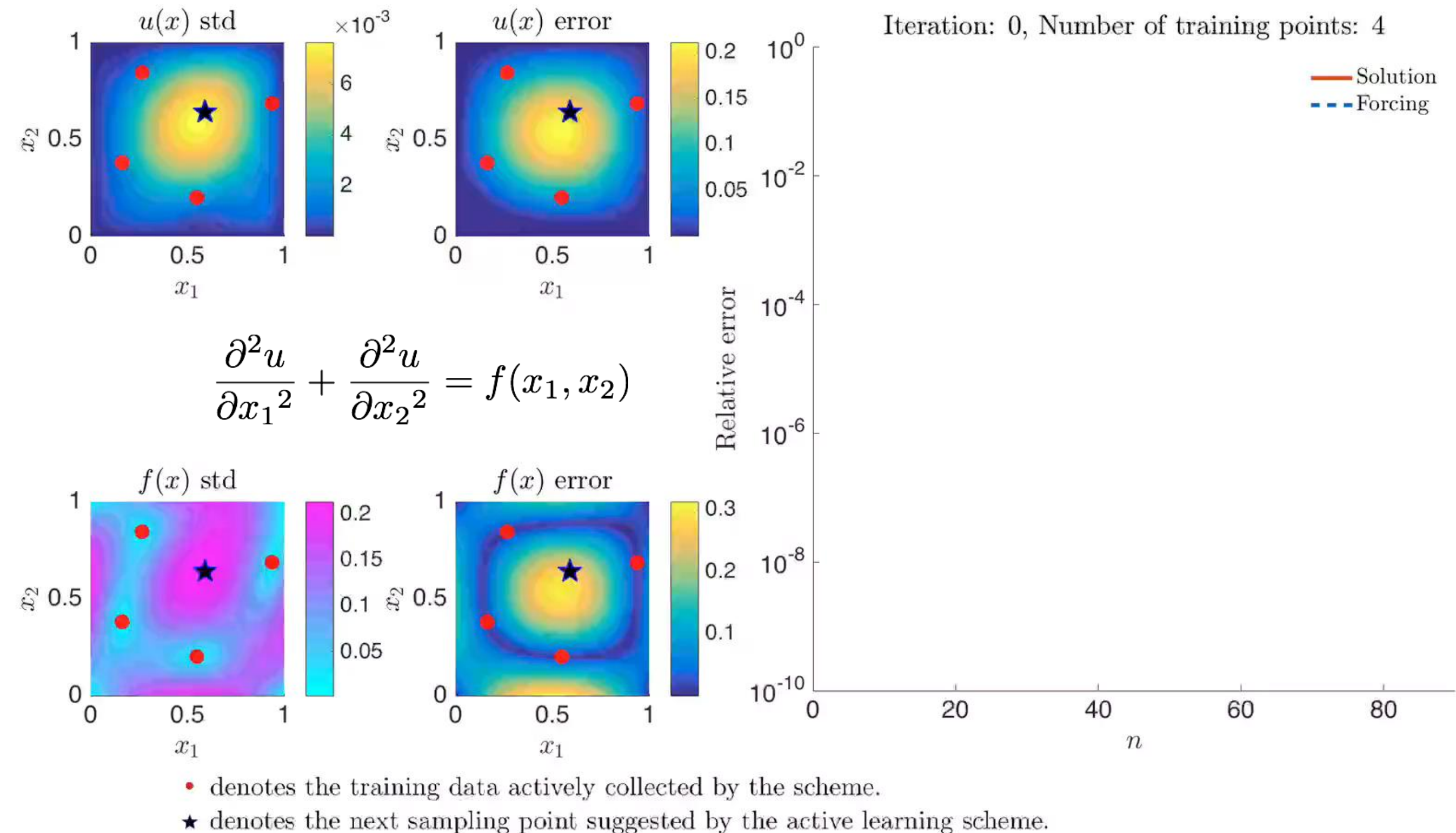
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# Numerical solution of PDEs via machine learning



## Adaptive refinement via active learning



# Nonlinear equations via probabilistic time-stepping

**Example:** 1D viscous Burgers  $\rightarrow$  The equation, along with the choice of a time-stepping scheme define a GP prior!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [-1, 1], \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ u(0, x) &= u^0(x) \\ u(t, 0) &= u(t, 1) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad + \quad \mathcal{L}_x u^{n+1}(x) := u^{n+1}(x) + \Delta t u^n(x) \frac{du^{n+1}(x)}{dx} - \Delta t \nu \frac{d^2 u^{n+1}(x)}{dx^2} = u^n(x)$$

*e.g., Backward Euler time-stepping*

Let us start by making the assumption that

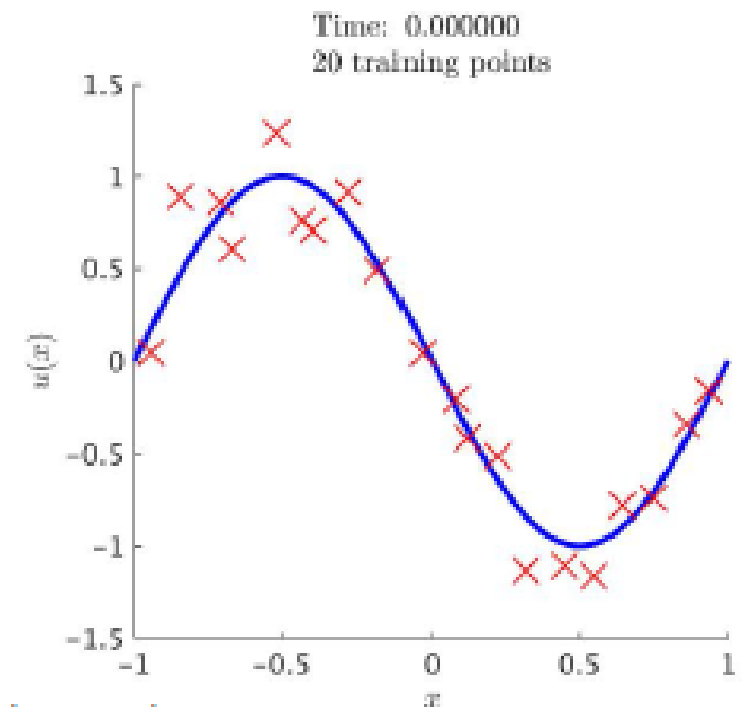
$$u^{n+1,n+1}(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k^{n+1,n+1}(x, x'; \theta)).$$

Consequently,

$$u^n(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k^{n,n}(x, x'; \theta)),$$

with the fundamental relationships

$$\begin{aligned} k^{n,n}(x, x'; \theta) &= \mathcal{L}_x \mathcal{L}_{x'} k^{n+1,n+1}(x, x'; \theta), \\ k^{n+1,n}(x, x'; \theta) &= \mathcal{L}_{x'} k^{n+1,n+1}(x, x'; \theta). \end{aligned}$$



We can now train the hyper-parameters  $\theta$  using the data  $\{x^n, u^n\}$ ,  $\{x_b^{n+1}, u_b^{n+1}\}$  and by minimizing the negative log marginal likelihood obtained from

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_b^{n+1} \\ u^n \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} k^{n+1,n+1}(x_b^{n+1}, x_b^{n+1}) & k^{n+1,n}(x_b^{n+1}, x^n) \\ k^{n,n+1}(x^n, x_b^{n+1}) & k^{n,n}(x^n, x^n) \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Here,  $\{x^n, u^n\}$  are *artificially generated* data and  $\{x_b^{n+1}, u_b^{n+1}\}$  are data on the boundary.

**Remark:** Since  $\{x^n, u^n\}$  are artificially generated data, in order to consistently propagate uncertainty in time we need to marginalize out  $u^n$ .

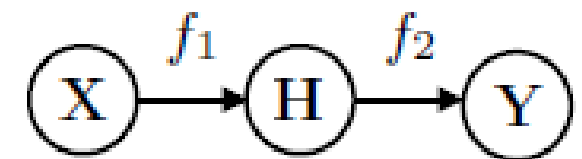
# Scalability, non-stationarity & high dimensions

**Scalability:** GPs suffer from a cubic scaling with the data

- ✓ Low-rank approximations to the covariance  
*Snelson, E., and Z. Ghahramani. "Sparse Gaussian processes using pseudo-inputs."*
- ✓ Frequency-domain learning algorithms  
*Perdikaris P., D. Venturi, G.E. Karniadakis "Multi-fidelity information fusion algorithms for high dimensional systems and massive data-sets", SIAM J. Sci. Comput., 2016*
- ✓ Stochastic variational inference  
*Hensman, J., N. Fusi, and N.D. Lawrence. "Gaussian processes for big data."*

**Discontinuities and non-stationarity:** GPs struggle with discontinuous data

- ✓ Use warping functions to transform into a jointly stationary input space



- Log, sigmoid, betaCDF —> "Warped GPs" *Snelson, E., C.E. Rasmussen, and Z. Ghahramani. "Warped gaussian processes."*
- Neural networks —> "Manifold GPs" *Calandra, R., et al. "Manifold Gaussian processes for regression."*
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# Summary & Future vision

